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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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April 6, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 6, 2003, the period for reply thereto being extended by two months by the attached Petition for Extension of Time to expire on April 6, 2004, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification and Abstract** are on page 2.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3.

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.